

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for courtesies extended during a telephone call on August 30th concerning the filing of terminal disclaimers.

Claims 1-11 are pending.

No new subject matter has been added to the application.

Claims 1-11 were rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. patent number 6,637,851 and U.S. Publication number 2004/0113958. This rejection is respectfully traversed by the filing of the attached 3 terminal disclaimers. Notice that the cited publication no. 2004/0113958 actually has matured into U.S. Patent no. 6,962,400 so separate terminal disclaimers have been submitted for the publication and the patent, as well as a terminal disclaimer for patent no. 6,637,851.

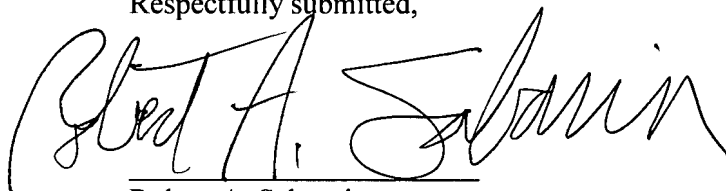
The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed but is not considered material to the patentability of the invention.

No fees are believed to be due with this response. However, if an error has been made in the fee calculations, please charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 13-3377 under this general authorization.

It should be noted that the above arguments are directed towards certain patentable distinctions between the claims and the prior art cited. However, the patentable distinctions between the pending claims and the prior art cited are not necessarily limited to those discussed above.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that each rejection of the Office Action has been addressed and overcome so that this application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, withdraw the rejections and/or objections, and pass the application to issue. Should questions arise during examination, the Examiner is welcome to contact the applicant's attorney as listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Sabourin", written over a horizontal line.

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